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## Editorials

### *Help Wanted!*

According to custom, I suppose this article should be headed: "Message from the President" and should start about as follows: "May I take this opportunity of congratulating the Editorial Board on their efforts in putting out this first issue and I hope . . ."

However, I want you to understand that this article comes from a member who is doing some work for the Association. At an executive meeting a little while ago, we talked about elections and positions and I pointed out the fact of one person being president, and another secretary or treasurer is of minor importance, as long as we obtain people who are willing to do some work.

I am indeed happy to say that we have people who are willing to work and, thanks to their efforts, we have this new Postgrad; we have an annual giving campaign for Sir George Williams College, and we have social gatherings and other activities.

We need more people who are willing to do some work. It does not matter how much or how little time you have to spare as long as you are willing to do something. Just a suggestion might be very helpful. The evening of films a few weeks ago, which proved to be very successful, came about through a suggestion by one of the members.

The executive is happy to do the work but we want and need your assistance.

CHARLES NICHOLS

### *Deadline Delayed*

Alumni have no doubt been wondering why there was only one issue of their publication in 1950. Putting it simply, the answer is that we did not have the advertising to finance further issues. We are now able to report that advertising difficulties have been overcome, we hope permanently. This issue should be the first of a regular new series of issues to be published quarterly.

You probably noticed when you first picked up this issue that it has a new title — The Postgrad. We received many helpful suggestions for a change in name from the old "Quarterly News-Letter" and we wish to thank all of those who sent in their ideas. The Alumni Executive finally decided upon "The Postgrad" as the most suitable and indicative of our status.

As in the past, we wish to emphasize that The Postgrad is published by graduates of Sir George Williams College for grad-



uates of the college. It can only be maintained and improved through the co-operation of alumni. All articles are the free contributions of alumni or the college staff, and the publication depends upon them completely for all feature articles.

With this issue, the future of the alumni publication has been brightened considerably. It will continue to improve in appearance and content, but in order that this statement may be substantiated, we require the assistance of all alumni, wherever they may happen to be.

Elsewhere in this issue you will note a report on The Grad Fund, the only fund to which alumni are asked to contribute. The article speaks for itself in soliciting your utmost interest and support. An active, devoted corps of alumni spend many hours in sponsoring alumni affairs and in keeping in touch with the alumni as they move from place to place.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity that alumni register with our office any change of address. From the editor's viewpoint this is of the most critical importance. In order to publish, we must have an up-to-date circulation list. Our advertisers demand it and it is our obligation to see to it that our quoted circulation of 1,500 for this issue is a bonafide claim.

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# *An Educationist Abroad*

By Dr. Kenneth E. Norris

Principal, Sir George Williams College

I had the pleasure of representing Sir George Williams College at an international conference of delegates from Y.M.C.A. colleges and training schools from all over the world, held at Nyborg, Denmark, last summer. En route, I had the added privilege of attending several other conferences and of visiting some thirty or more educational institutions in several European countries. In all of these I found a great interest in the work of Sir George Williams College, once the conversation had turned in the direction of my own institution, which it usually did.

From the evening "polytechnics" of Great Britain to the folk high school of Denmark, it was a most stimulating experience.

Rightly or wrongly, I was more energetic in visiting evening educational institutions and talking to people in adult education — not because I was not interested in regular daytime education, but because information about the latter had been much more easily obtainable through my preliminary reading.

It is one of the facts about English higher education that several of the so-called provincial universities, the urban universities in some of the larger cities, grew out of evening programmes and adult tutorial classes. In this we see an affinity with Sir George Williams Collegewhich is still further accentuated when one realizes that most of the present English universities (except Oxford, Cambridge, London and Durham) are of comparatively recent establishment, much more recent in fact than most of the present Canadian universities. It is somewhat amusing, therefore, to think that Sir George Williams need not feel like a parvenu among the English urban universities.

It is also a fact that in the early thirties, when Sir George Williams College was developing its evening faculty of arts, science and commerce, it tapped two sources of inspiration: (a) the prolific growth of evening colleges in the larger cities in the U.S.A., and (b) the University of London, England with its absolute acceptance of the external and evening student. It was, therefore, something like a pilgrimage to Mecca to be able to visit London, to see the variety and extent of evening higher education available, to talk with administrators of these evening programmes and to realize that they have been going on in many cases for more than a hundred years.



The extensive program of the University of London for external students working toward degrees (its extension program is something else) is known the world over. Less well known is its arrangement with numerous semi-affiliated institutions in London itself, whereby evening students in regular attendance at classes can qualify for degrees, diplomas and national professional certificates in engineering, science, commerce and even in music and law. In addition to which there are some evening institutions of higher education which are organic parts of the University of London itself, and which have an honored place in its councils.

One of these is the renowned London School of Economics, which is both a day and an evening institution, but the one which bears the most resemblance to Sir George Williams is Birbeck College. Birbeck has a long history as an exclusively evening institution of higher education, and offers courses leading to the bachelor's degree of the University of London in Arts and Science. The spirit of Birbeck is like the spirit of Sir George — and Birbeck, like Sir George, has long been looking forward to the day when it can have a new building. And, believe it or not, the first principal of Birbeck, after it became a college, was a man named G. M. Norris, in 1885.

The many "polytechs" or technical colleges in London were fascinating institutions to one interested in evening formal education. It is possible to work for and obtain almost any kind of a scientific or technical degree by means of evening study in London — with full professional qualifications, for example, in engineering, physics, chemistry, electronics, metallurgy, mathematics, botany, zoology, ophthalmic optics or pharmacy. In at least one "polytech" a full range of M.Sc. degrees is available, all granted, of course, by the University of London, with which that polytech is loosely affiliated.

The exhilarating aspect of this wealth of evening educational opportunity in London is not just its plentiful availability, but the complete acceptance with which it is viewed by educators in general. Such ready recognition is almost American in its completeness, and it is something of a shock to realize that it is older than its American counterpart. Truly the full history of formal adult education in England and North America has not yet been written.

On the way home from Europe, a three-day sojourn in Edinburgh made possible a short visit to the Heriot-Watt College, another institution which has much in common with Sir George Williams. While its courses are mainly technical in nature, it has both day and evening programs and apparently a well grounded reputation, but the fact that it has grown up in Edinburgh across the street from the main buildings of the University of Edinburgh and within the shadow of the older and larger institution, with which apparently it has never become affiliated, sounds vaguely and sympathetically familiar to a visitor from Sir George.



Visits to a number of D.P. and refugee camps in Germany built up a great admiration for the way in which the International Refugee Organization (an instrument of the U.N.) is conducting its work with displaced persons, a new appreciation of the great problems being faced in the democratization of the German people and a tremendous pride in the work being done by the World's Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s in its program of orientation for the D.P.'s preparation for re-settlement abroad. It was a most moving experience one day when a Russian Orthodox priest from Estonia took a group of us into the holy of holies behind the altar of his chapel, which the Y.M.C.A. members in his camp had built for him, explaining, as he did that although laymen ordinarily were not allowed there, he wished us to enter because the Y.M.C.A. had done so much for him and his co-religionists.

A visit to the famous International People's College at Elsinore, in Denmark, made possible a personal meeting with Dr. Peter Manniche, one of the world-renowned leaders and pioneers of the Danish folk school movement. The summer session at this College, an international exemplification of the folk high school idea, is frequented by teachers and students from all over the world, attending not only to learn about Denmark and each other, but to catch the spirit and method of folk school movement. This college, like the rest of Denmark, is now recovering from the German occupation of World War II, and is celebrating this year its twenty-fifth anniversary as a project in international education.

The conferences themselves in Denmark, which were the original purpose of the trip, were tremendously inspiring experiences and inevitably gave one a renewed sense of belonging to a worldwide brotherhood which now exists in 75 different countries. Moreover, some excellent training institutions are being operated by the Y.M.C.A. in a number of these countries, and it was of no little value to share their problems and to detect in their work the same philosophic threads which have been woven into the fabric of Sir George Williams College. The growth of our College has taken the directions it has in the past 77 years because of the basic philosophy of the parent institution and the "permissive" atmosphere which has attended the expanding range of its activities. It is a stimulating experience to meet that same philosophy, only slightly colored by national differences in temperamental details, coming together from the far corners of the earth.

The scriptural motto of the International Committee, "That they all may be one," has more bases in actual accomplishment than is ordinarily realized. It constitutes one of the important strands of community between the nations of the world to-day. In these days when divisive influences are multiplying by the hour, it is good to feel oneself part of a movement which for 100 years has been trying to bring mankind together.



# *On the Corridor Campus*

By Alec S. Fineberg, B. Com., '42

**P**rowling around the bustling corridors of the Sir George Williams College "campus" in recent months has given us that old nostalgia. Things are just as jammed as ever on the second and third floor landings between classes, but amid the usual comings and goings of the 1950-51 students we detected a renewed spirit of enthusiasm. College activities are really booming these days.

As a regular reader of the old college paper, *The Georgian*, we have gleaned a great deal of information concerning this year's student activities. Most outstanding, perhaps, was the conversion of *The Georgian* itself from a weekly to a bi-weekly. Under the guidance of Trevor Phillips, energetic executive editor, the paper steamed along on its two-issues-a-week basis through both terms, and wound up its annual publication stint toward the end of March. Advertisers supported the paper generously. The *Georgian* staff has been larger than ever in both day and evening divisions. The usual "prank" stories crept in, showing that the budding journalists on the staff still like to fool some of the people some of the time.

During the last week in November, the college students indulged in the usual hijinks which mark Sadie Hawkins' Week. Barbara Shand was elected "Daisy Mae" and Vic Yates was the pursued "Li'l Abner."

The graduating class of '51 held its first meeting late in November. The executive consists of Donald Ballantyne, Gordon McFarlane, John Gardiner, Mary Hozma, Maurice Miller, Ben Schlesinger and Robert Hayes.

Two long-time friends of Sir George Williams College were lost recently when Lewis C. Haskell and Lt. Col. Gerald Birks, O.B.E., died. Mr. Haskell, chairman of the college Board of Governors from 1942 to 1947, died suddenly at the age of 67. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Y.M.C.A., and was chairman of the Library Committee of the college governors at the time the present college library was designed and installed in 1937-37. Principal Norris and Dean Hall represented the college at his funeral in Westmount Baptist Church. Colonel Birks, who died October 12, 1950, for 28 years was president of the Y's Metropolitan Board.

Establishment of a contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps at Sir George Williams College has been approved by the Department of National Defense. Headquarters for the contingent have been obtained by the department at 1180 Bishop street,



Montreal, where the first floor of a large house will be outfitted as offices, training headquarters and mess accommodation. Capt. J. D. Cade will be the superintending officer. Students are now being enrolled, and training will commence shortly.

College students set an objective of \$3,000 for their Memorial Scholarship Fund this year. The Fund constitutes a "living memorial" to those who gave their lives in World War II. Four years' free tuition is provided annually for the son or daughter of a deceased World War II serviceman.

The Georgian reported that a bequest of \$1,000 had been made to Sir George Williams College by the late Moses Sternthal, who had been a prominent local textile executive.

A new course called "Barn Dance 101" appeared on the unofficial college program, with lessons held occasionally during the lunch hour.

Considerable publicity supported a Red Feather campaign, and a friendly contest was held with McGill to see which would be the first to reach its objective. Dances, variety shows, a wishing well and many other devices enticed coins and bills from students. But the campaign was not considered very successful financially, as only about 40 per cent of the \$750 goal was obtained.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1950, after its regular edition was published, the Georgian printed an "extra", a one-page issue reporting in detail on the suspension of the McGill Daily and four McGill students, including the editor. The suspension lasted from Monday to Wednesday, Nov. 13 to 15, when the paper and the suspended students were re-instated.

Students from Sir George, in co-operation with McGill, University of Montreal, Mont St. Louis and Loyola colleges, formed a committee to approach the newly-formed Montreal Transportation Commission in an attempt to secure special tickets for bonafide university and college students. It was suggested that they be allowed to purchase seven tickets for 25 cents. Thousands of students signed a petition, but the commission has not yet taken action.

The Drama Guild of the college put on its first play in December. It was "Outward Bound" and was well received.

A Red Cross Blood Clinic was held before Christmas at the college and 155 Georgians donated a pint of blood each.

The Georgian was represented at the annual Canadian University Press Conference in Ottawa during the Yule holidays by its editor, Trevor J. Phillips, along with representatives of 19 other Canadian college newspapers.

The staff of The Georgian sponsored a "Proof-Reader's



Prom" at Victoria Hall on Friday, March 2. This proved to be a highly successful affair. Dean Hall crowned Neola Cassidy "Miss Proof-Reader," with Mary Homza and Bernice Chevalier as runners-up.

On the sports scene, the biggest news early in the college year concerned the Senior Georgian Basketball team. They competed in the Golden Ball Tournament, and turned out to be the "Dark Horse" team, as they defeated all their opposing teams right up to the finals. The Georgians' first defeat was suffered during a playoff with the Y.M.H.A. Blues, the defenders of the Golden Ball crown, losing 59-44, before a large and enthusiastic crowd of students. They also lost the second game to the defending champions. The team, coached by Mag Flynn, a popular Georgian grad, did not fare too well in the M.B.L., but the Georgian Intermediates won most of their games in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference League. The Georgian Juniors headed their league, and at time of writing, were meeting the Y.M.H.A. Juniors for the Junior City Championship. The Georgettes were undefeated in their schedule, winning eight straight games, and winding up in first place.

The College Hockey Team won several exhibition games, but only won two games and tied one in league play. The Georgian Ski Team came fourth in the Annual Intercollegiate Ski Meet late in February at Camp Fortune, near Ottawa. First, second, and third places were taken by Laval, Queens, and U. of T. respectively. The Georgians, however, led the Montreal entrants, as U. of M. finished sixth, and McGill seventh.

A surprise victory was won by the Georgian Swimming Team at an intercollegiate meet held at Queen's University pool. The Georgian Quartet garnered four firsts, one second, and one third. The team, coached by Malcolm Ross, conquered McGill, Queen's, R.M.C. and St. Pats.

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## A Report on The

All graduates of Sir George Williams College are now automatically members of The Association of Alumni. In the battle against inflation, this organization has scored a notable victory: all fees have been abolished.

That does not mean, however, that alumni are freed of obligation — far from it. It means that they are now under the obligation imposed by their own consciences, which all have found to be stern masters.

All Georgian grads received their education below cost. In other words, the college "got it for them wholesale." Now the college needs the help of the grads if it is to be maintained as a free educational institution in a free society.

To bring to alumni an opportunity to channel their good will back to the college in tangible form, the association has established The Georgian Grad Fund. It is only a fledgling, not yet a year old. But its potential is terrific. With \$50 a year from every graduate in its corporate pocket, the college would literally be without a financial worry in the world. That, we fully realize, is an ideal, but it is an ideal which the association has pledged itself to pursue.

It is not an impossible ideal. Our graduates are young. Many have yet to make their mark in the world. As they do, they will be in a better financial position to contribute their fair share to the support of the college.

More than this, alumni now possess a privilege heretofore unavailable to them. It is the privilege of repaying a part of the great debt they owe to Sir George Williams College and of aiding the education of those who come after them. And may the alumni be assured that they do not cast their bread upon the waters in vain; in due time they will reap the benefits of a stronger Canada and a more peaceful world.

Through their contributions to the Grad Fund, alumni are entitled to use many of the college's facilities. Contributions may be large or small, but a contribution every year from every graduate is the aim of the fund, and the association will be satisfied with nothing less.



# George!

## Georgian Grad Fund

Dr. Howard Dundass, chairman of the Grad Fund Committee, reports 102 alumni have contributed \$694 to the fund so far. This of course, is only the beginning, a token of what is to come. He is impressed by the fact that the average contribution was larger than had been anticipated, indicating that Georgian grads know on which sleeve they wear their hearts — on the side of the pocket in which they keep their wallets!

The Grad Fund will be used by the college principal to meet the most pressing needs of the institution. With costs going up and endowments and donations going down, those needs are the most urgent in the history of the college. A high operating standard cannot be maintained without immediate and continuous financial support. For that reason, the Alumni Association has earmarked The Grad Fund as its most important project.

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# Too Big For Its Britches

By S. Olaf Meyer, B. Com., '40

**A**lumni who were graduated from Sir George Williams College in the last few years do not need to be told how the capacity of the Central YMCA's "corridor campus" is being taxed to the limit.

The fact is, the college for some time has been "too big for its britches." Even while its rooms are bursting at the seams with the largest classes on record, hundreds are being disappointed in their ambition for a higher education because of the shortage of accommodation.

Growth of the institution has been almost fantastic. The Day

Division increased from 193 students in 1939-40 to 818 students in 1949-50, and the Evening Division grew from 551 to 2,339 in the same period.

During those years there was a similar growth in the group of schools associated with the college, so that total enrolment in the college and schools grew from 2,083 to 5,777 students in the last ten years, excluding the number of students registered in the summer sessions.

The first summer session was held in 1942 with 446 students registered in the combined college and schools. Last summer total registration was 1,415. These figures give concrete evidence of the growth of the college as far as enrolment is concerned.

From the remarkable growth indicated, it is obvious that stress is being placed on the college plant and equipment. Although the college now occupies quarters in five buildings, its growth has been so rapid that it has not been possible to secure sufficient accommodation for all those who wish to enroll. Thus it has been



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necessary to turn away many who seek a higher education, especially in the Evening Division.

At the opening of the present school year, day registration was down to 722 as compared with 794 at the opening of the session last year. Past statistics lead me to predict that registration in the Day Division will swing between 700 and 800 for the next seven years, when there should be another sharp increase in full-time registration.

Evening Division registration increased in 1950-51 to 2,908 from the opening 1949-50 figure of 2,991. But the potential increase was even greater. Large numbers of prospective evening students had to be refused admission to classes this fall because of lack of room.

Two-thirds of the classes in the Evening Division were enrolled to capacity before the

formal registration period closed in the fall of 1950. How much the Evening Division might have grown had unlimited accommodation been available, it is impossible to tell.

When Sir George Williams College acquires the badly-needed building of its own, perhaps we will then be able to report more accurately how popular the type of education available at the college has become!

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**E**nterprising 1951 graduates of the college (prospective, that is) have shown that no grass grows under the feet of Georgians. Two groups have produced and are selling souvenir mugs for all alumni.

First to enter the free-enterprise field were Syd Chesick and Gerry Coe, who contracted for hand-made mugs to be made. Designed and produced by Canadian craftsmen, each bears the college crest, hand-embossed on the pottery. These crests are not decal and will not chip or wash off. In addition, the graduate's name, year of graduation and faculty can be engraved on the exterior of the brown-colored mug at no extra charge.

Syd and Gerry are selling their mugs for \$2.50 on the first order, and for \$2.00 for

each additional order. Ash trays bearing the college crest and personal engraving can be obtained to match the mug at \$2.00 each. They promise delivery, C.O.D., in three weeks of receipt of orders, which should be mailed to Gerry Coe at 5166 Sherbrooke St. W., Apt. 16, or ordered by telephoning EL. 9339.

Bill Jarund and Fred Kirkwood are agents for a two-color decal mug, bearing the college crest and colors. Made in New York, they are of white clay and are of pint-and-a-half size with a flange bottom for better stability. They are being sold for \$4.00 each, or for \$4.50 if purchasers wish their first name and their graduating year engraved on them. They may be ordered by writing Bill or Fred care of the college.



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# Strictly Personal

It's been a long time since our alumni had any "personals" to peruse and that makes the ground we have to cover rather extensive. We doubt if we'll have room for all the little news items we have on hand, especially the news about the numerous marriages by alumni during the last several months. However, we'll do our best. Here we go.

The marriage of Audrey Florence, daughter of the late Philip Kert and of Mrs. Kert, to Alec S. Fineberg, B.Com., '42, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fineberg, took place in the chapel of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, June 25, 1950, Rabbi W. Shuchat officiating.

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Dr. and Mrs. Rolf Martin Hochster are very much in the news. Mrs. Hochster, formerly Marcia Getz, B.A., '43, received the diploma of social work from the McGill School of Social Work and is now on the staff of the Family Welfare Association in Montreal. Her husband, B.Sc., '46, has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in biochemistry and is now doing post-graduate research at the Montreal General Hospital.

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All Georgian alumni will join in an expression of sympathy to the family of Lieut. Marcel Champagne, B.Com. '45,

who was fatally injured when the plane in which he was flying crashed into the sea off Victoria, B.C. Marcel joined the Royal Canadian Navy after graduation from Sir George Williams College. He was married to the former Aileen Leddy, of New York.

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John L. Harrison, B.A., '49, a gold medallist of the college, has been awarded an I.O.D.E. War Memorial Scholarship valued at \$2,000, for 1951-52. He is now studying for a doctorate at Cambridge University, England, on a British Council fellowship.

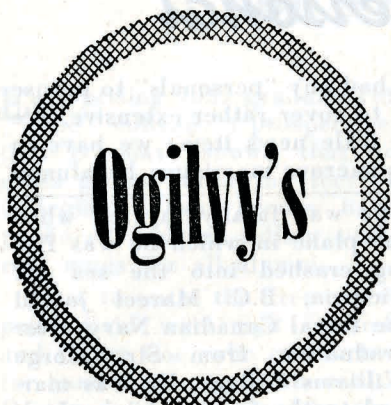
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Hersh Adlerstein, B.A., '47, and Rhoda, are the proud parents of "6 lbs. 9 oz. of dynamite," a baby girl, Deena Marcia, born Nov. 18, 1950, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Hersh, who is studying for his Ph.D. in English at New York University, is living at 1551 West 11th street, Brooklyn, and would like to get in touch with any Georgians "of my vintage" when and if they are in the "big town."

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Fergus Cronin, B.A., '48, has





been appointed editor of the biweekly Rouyn-Noranda Press. He was formerly a reporter for The Montreal Daily Star.

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Fred Kerner, B.A., '42, and Mrs. Kerner (nee Jean Somerville), are the parents of a son, Jon Frederik, born in New York City.

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Mrs. Joseph Heillig is the former Esther Wolofsky, B.A. '46, and now lives in Montreal.

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Add births: Dr. B. Hymovitch, B.Sc., '44, and Mrs. Hymovitch, the former Libby Shein, B.A., '47, a daughter, at Ann Arbor, Mich.; Forrest E. Davidson, B. Com., '47, and Mrs. Davidson, a daughter, at Smiths Falls, Ont.; Mrs. Marian (Abbey) Adam, B.A., '45, a

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daughter Helen Louise, at Montreal; Mrs. Ghitta (Wexler) Sternberg, B.A., '49, a daughter, Rae Alina Joyce, at Montreal.

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Add marriages: Melvin Kozlowsky, B.Sc., '49, was married to the former Felicia Jasiulewicz; John Kenneth Williams, B. Com., '50, was married to the former Lorraine Favreau; Charles J. Boltuck, B.A., '47, of Bloomington, Ind., ex-head of the Student Council of the college, was married to Mary Elizabeth Adams, in Wichita, Kansas.

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Rev. Douglas A. Gregory, B.A., '42, has been appointed clergyman-in-charge of the parish of Watrous, Sask.

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Miss Doreen B. Lee, B.A., '48, is now secretary to the ex-

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Dr. Gerald M. Mahoney, B.  
 Sc., '40, has been appointed  
 study director in the Survey  
 Research Centre, University of  
 Michigan.

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Alvin S. Mayotte, B.A., '46,  
 and his wife, the former Eileen  
 Thornber, B.Sc., '44, both re-  
 ceived the degree of Master of  
 Social Work at last year's Mc-  
 Gill University graduation. Now  
 Al has been appointed the first  
 psychiatric social worker on the  
 staff of the Verdun Protestant  
 Hospital. For the previous two  
 years he was probation officer  
 with the Montreal Juvenile  
 Court. Mr. and Mrs. Mayotte  
 have a small daughter, Marga-  
 ret Eileen.

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The wedding of Miss Bever-  
 ley Burch and Frank Stannard,  
 B.Sc., '45, took place quietly at  
 St. Lambert United Church on  
 Oct. 9, 1950. Frank is the for-  
 mer editor of the Alumni quar-  
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# Dr. Paul Villard Passes, Aged 83

The "Grand Old Man" of the faculty of Sir George Williams College, Dr. Paul Villard, died on Friday, January 12, 1951, in the Hotel Dieu, where he had been admitted the day he was stricken — Christmas Day.

For fifteen years he had been French professor at Sir George, and was popular with the faculty, students and graduates alike.

Born at St. Etienne, France, in 1867, he was educated at Montbrisson and Lyon University. He came to America and obtained his M.A. degree at Ohio Wesleyan University. Upon arrival in Canada, he studied medicine and obtained the degree of M.D., C.M. at the Medical School of Bishop's University. He was married in 1892. In 1910 he became a lecturer in French literature at McGill University. He was also an ordained minister.

Dr. Villard was created an Officer of the Academy of France in 1909, and in 1914 was named Officier de l'Instruction Publique and president of the French Medical Commission in Canada. An order-in-council by the Canadian Government in 1916 appointed him Honorary Major in the Canadian Militia. He was also created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour for valuable services rendered to the French Government during and after the First Great War.

In 1932, Dr. Villard was given the Gold Medal of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs by President Lebrun on the recommendation of Premier Herriot "as a token of appreciation and gratitude for the eminent services he has rendered to the French culture and influence in Canada".

King Albert of Belgium presented Dr. Villard with the Gold Medal, first class, after the war. In 1933 he was made an officer of the Black Star, France. He was general secretary of the Alliance Francaise since 1914; vice-president of the Union National Francaise; and president of the French Protestant Ministerial Association, and of the Historical Society of French Protestantism in America.

The funeral took place in the Salvation Army Citadel on Monday, January 15, 1951, and was attended by Dr. Norris and representatives of the faculty, as well as many students.

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## Alumni Activities

The executive of the Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams College, together with the executive of the '51 Graduating Class, met informally at the home of the Alumni's president, Charles Nichols on February 9, 1951. Arrangements were discussed concerning the reception of graduates following the Convocation Ceremonies scheduled for Friday, June 1, 1951. The reception is to be held in the Windsor Hotel. Alumni affairs were also infor-

mally discussed. Harmony between the two groups was very much in evidence.

On Tuesday, February 13, a social meeting of the Alumni was held in the Willingdon Room of the "Y", for grads and their friends. About 80 graduates and several guests attended. Greetings were extended by President Nichols and Treasurer Len Rosenberg. A movie was the highlight, followed by refreshments.

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In accordance with the constitution of The Association of Alumni, Sir George Williams College, notice is hereby given that nominations for the executive positions listed below are now open.

The names put forward by the Nominating Committee are shown below. In each instance the term of office is for two years. Additional nominations must be submitted to the president on or before April 23, 1951.

Note that only members who have subscribed to the Georgian Grad Fund for the current year are eligible for election, and that only such members may nominate or vote in any election.

Nominations are called  
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Nominees of the Nominating  
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I hereby accept nomination for the above position.

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All those whose names appear on this form must have subscribed to the Georgian Grad Fund for the current year in order that this may be a valid nomination.

This form must reach: The President Association of Alumni, Sir George Williams College, 1441 Drummond Street, Montreal, on or before April 23/51